

## House Resolution No. 2940

**Whereas**, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to recognize the praiseworthy endeavors of outstanding Show-Me State citizens; and

**Whereas**, Donnie Braun of Jefferson City is to be commended for an incredible Thirty-five Years of dedicated service to the Cole County Fire Protection District; and

**Whereas**, the Cole County Volunteer Fire Department was established in May 1969 by a group of individuals who saw a need for fire protection south of the Capital City; and

**Whereas**, Donnie Braun has distinguished himself as one of the founding fathers of the Cole County Fire Protection District, where he has tirelessly served as Chief for the past twenty-nine years; and

**Whereas**, in May 2004, both Chief Donnie Braun and the Cole County Fire Protection District will begin their Thirty-fifth Year of outstanding service to the community, which now includes 220 square miles in three different counties; and

**Whereas**, full of pride and dedication, the Cole County Fire Protection District has eight strategically placed stations and more than seventy fire fighters who have a combined 966 years of service; and

**Whereas**, members of the Cole County Fire Protection District and its Board of Directors have made a solid commitment to bring the highest quality of service to the community which they so proudly cover; and

**Whereas**, Donnie Braun has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, DeeLynn, who is a member of the Cole County Fire Protection District Auxiliary; and three sons, Steve, Gary, and Allen, all of whom are also members of the Cole County Fire Protection District; and

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in expressing our deep gratitude to Donnie Braun for the superb service he has rendered to the Cole County Fire Protection District for the past thirty-five years and in wishing him only the best in all future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Donnie Braun, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bill Deeken  
District No. 114

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Representative Mark J. Bruns  
District No. 113

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2940, adopted May 11, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker